



## **Bradley University Credit Hour Resolution**

Whereas, Bradley University is a university of national distinction; and,  
Whereas, Bradley's maximum number of credit hours a student can take without extra charge is 16 per semester; and,  
Whereas, a large number of the majors offered on campus require students to take more than 16 credit hours per semester in order to graduate in four years (i.e. mechanical engineering, education, electrical engineering, health sciences, education biology, physics, international business, industrial engineering, etc.); and,  
Whereas, according to a survey conducted by a Senate committee in the Fall 2011 semester, 90% of the 451 persons surveyed answered "I agree with it" to the question, "How do you feel by increasing the limit of 16 credit hours per semester to 18 credit hours per semester?"; and,  
Whereas, 95% of the students feel that the amount of \$650/credit hr. Bradley students have to pay for every extra credit hour after the 16 hours limit should be lowered; and,  
Whereas, 74% of the students answered "Yes" to the question "If there was the possibility of taking more than 16 credit hours without any extra charge, would you have taken more classes?"; and,  
Whereas, 86% of the respondents determined that 18 credit hours per semester is reasonable amount of maximum credit hours to take during a semester; and,  
Whereas, universities in the country with similar prestige as Bradley University (i.e. DePaul University, Purdue University, Illinois State University, etc.) offer 18 credit hours or more without extra charge to the students;  
Therefore, let it be resolved that the Bradley University Student Senate recommends that the following actions to be taken:

- I. The Bradley University Administration increases the maximum limit of credit hours a full time undergraduate student from 16 to 18 credit hours per semester without extra charge, effective at the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester.
- II. The amount charged for extra credit hours, when a student signs up for more than the maximum allowed should be lowered; and that the new, competitive price will be decided by the comptroller's office in accordance with the market.